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REMARKS

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1. Between 16 and 24 January 1951, the Reil Kaserne, Halle (M 52/D 92) was still occupied to capacity by 500 to 600 troops. The installation was guarded by sentries wearing red-bordered green epaulets and carrying rifles with fixed bayonets. Only few officers and EM wearing red-bordered green epaulets were observed. There was much traffic to the so-called Reilshof, apparently an officers' billet, 300 meters from the Reil Kaserne. [redacted] an MVD battalion was quartered in the barracks installation. Small groups of soldiers were engaged in submachine gun drill and rifle drill. (1)

2. Sentries in the gateway of house No 76 Feuerbachstrasse wore red-bordered green epaulets and carried rifles with fixed bayonets. The building housed a motor vehicle repair shop of the MVD unit in the Reil Kaserne. (1)

3. The billeting area of the Luftnachrichtenschule and Fliegerhorst Kaserne still quartered 2,000 to 2,500 troops. A mortar unit which was quartered either in the Luftnachrichtenschule or the Fliegerhorst Kaserne was observed for the first time. Its personnel wore red-bordered black epaulets, some with artillery insignia. Trucks [redacted] towed three 120-mm mortars. (2) The Luftnachrichtenschule was occupied by a headquarters and a driver school. Numerous officers were seen. A general, billeted next to the installation, was believed to be the commanding general of the headquarters. [redacted] motor vehicles [redacted] belonged to the headquarters unit. The driver school believed to belong to the headquarters unit, resumed driving courses. Motor vehicles [redacted]

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[redacted] the Fliegerhorst Kaserne to be occupied by the following units:

a. A tank unit with tanks of various types and a tank driver school. A total of about 40 armored vehicles, including T-34, T-43, JS tanks, and SP guns were observed. Personnel of the unit wore red-bordered black epaulets, many of them with tank insignia.

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- c. A mortar unit with 80 and 120-mm mortars. [redacted]
- d. Another tank unit which, however, seemed to belong to the tank unit in the Flak Kaserne, Woermnitz. Together with tanks from the Flak Kaserne, Woermnitz, the tank unit in the Fliegerhorst Kaserne practiced in the area of the Brandberge (hills). Motor vehicles [redacted] were believed to belong to the unit. Two T-43 tanks [redacted] [redacted] Truck [redacted] was seen with the tanks. (4)

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4. Except for a large radio station and some motor vehicles in the garages, no troops were seen at the insane asylum in Nietleben.

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[redacted] No information could be obtained on the whereabouts of the rocket launcher unit formerly stationed there. (5)

5. The Flak Kaserne, Woermnitz, was still [redacted] up to capacity by about 2,500 troops wearing red-bordered black epaulets, some of them with artillery and tank insignia. The ins[redacted] tion quartered:

- a. A tank unit with T-43 tanks [redacted] The garages in the unit's billeting area were occupied to capacity by about 100 motor vehicles [redacted]

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- b. An SP artillery unit with about 25 model SU-100 SP guns.

- c. An AT artillery unit. Observed were several model SU-76 SP guns and heavy AT guns, which seemed to be used for subcaliber firing practice.

- d. A mechanized rifle unit as was inferred from intensive infantry training of a large number of personnel.

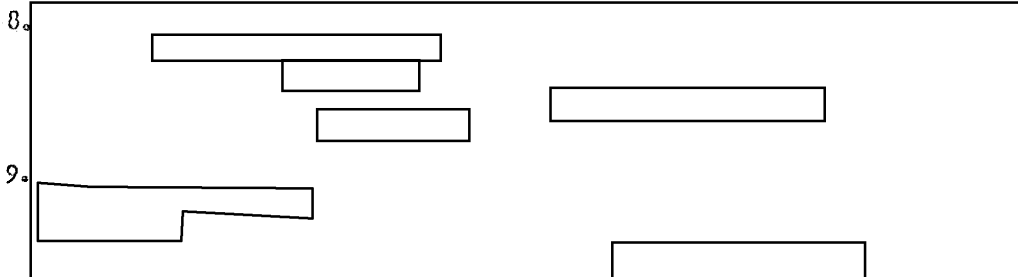
- e. An AAA unit whose personnel wore red-bordered black epaulets without branch-of-service insignia. The unit was equipped with 76.2-mm AA guns. (4)

6. At a checkpoint on Heideallee, Soviet military police checked all Soviet motor vehicles except driver school vehicles, [redacted] Tanks [redacted] passed the checkpoint toward the Fliegerhorst Kaserne.

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7. Two water tanks at the edge of the airfield supplied the Luftnachrichtenschule. They were guarded at all times by sentries wearing red-bordered black epaulets.



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[] Comments.

- (1) The LVD battalion in the Reil Kaserne is known from periodic reports. [] The Reilshof and the motor vehicles repair shop on Feuerbachstrasse are reported for the first time.
- (2) At the beginning of January 1951, [] a mortar unit to have been stationed there. [] the unit belongs to the 21st Gds Mecz Div. []

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- (4) [] data on the distribution of component units of the 21st Gds Mecz Div seem credible. Therefore it is believed possible that the Fliegerhorst Kaserne quarters the 19th Gds Iv Tank SP Regt; the unidentified Gds Mtrcl Bn, possibly the 114th; the 136th Gds Mort Regt; and component units of the 28th Gds Tank Regt; while the Flak Kaserne, Voermilitz, quarters the bulk of the 28th Gds Tank Regt, definitely the 68th Gds Mecz Regt and, possibly, also the 70th Gds Mecz Regt. Mechanized divisions do not have an independent AT artillery unit. It is possible that the unit designated as such belongs to one of the two mechanized regiments. The location of an AAA unit there cannot be determined. [] only some AA guns emplaced near the installation, which, however, were withdrawn on 7 January 1951. []

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- [] it is believed that the unidentified Gds AAA Regt, possibly the 2505th, is located in the Luftnachrichtenschule.

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(5)

[] The rocket launcher unit may have left the post only temporarily for winter firing practice. Rail shipments of rocket launchers were observed at Jueterbog and Schwerin in January 1951. []

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- (6) [] the 70th Gds Mecz Regt of the 21st Gds Mecz Div, [] was last confirmed there until 24 November 1950. [] confirms the 28th Gds Tank Regt of the 21st Gds Mecz Div until 16 December 1950. []

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